



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation to inhibite the Sale of Latine
Bookes reprinted beyond the Seas, hauing been first
Printed in Oxford or Cambridge.

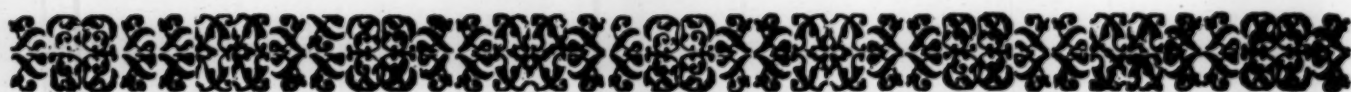


Whereas, for preuenting the common errors of the Presse, which haue heretofore happened in Printing the Bookes and Workes written in Latine, for the publike aduancement of Religion, and Learning, in Our Uniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge, there hath been for many yeeres a speciall Printer allowed & authorised at either of Our said Uniuersities, that the Authours of those Bookes, being themselves at hand to take care in directing the Print, might send forth their Workes in their owne originall purity, without corruptions and blemishes of misprinting; wee are now informed by the humble Petitions of the Chancellors, Masters, and Students of both Our sayd Uniuersities, That diuers Bookes of that kinde, after they haue been well and carefully first printed heere, in good Paper, and with good Letters, haue been afterwards in the parts beyond the Seas reprinted very erroneous, and sent backe from thence into this Our Kingdome of England, and Dominion of Wales, and vented here as true Copies, at lower Rates, in respect of the basenesse of the Paper and Print, then the Originals here can be afforded; whereby the Authours haue been enforced to disclaime their owne Workes so reprinted, the first Printers much impouerished, and Our owne people much abused in laying out their Moneys vpon falsified or erroneous Copies: The ill consequence whereof hath not onely discouraged many of Our louing Subjects, (good Schollers of both Uniuersities) from publishing in Print, diuers good and blefull Bookes of Latine, by them prepared for aduancement of good Letters, and the truth of Religion; But hath also disabled the Printers to undertake the charge of the Presse for publishing of the same, till some other course be taken for preuenting the like abuse in time to come.

Wee therefore, out of Our Princely care hereof, as of a matter concerning Our owne honour, and the publique good of Our Subjects, haue thought fit, (by, and with the aduice of Our Prinie Counsell) by this Our Proclamation, straitly to charge and command, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer hee be, doe presume from henceforth to bring into any Our Dominions for sale, or vent, or put to sale, vpon any pretence whatsoeuer, any Latine Authours, Booke or Bookes, printed in any the parts beyond the Seas, which haue been, or shall be formerly and originally printed in either of Our sayd Vniuersities of Oxford or Cambridge, vpon paine of Our high indignation and displeasure, and confiscation of the Bookes so brought ouer, or offered to be put to sale, and of such further penalties and punishments, as the contempt of this Our Royall commandement shall be found to demerit: And that no person or persons, vnder the like paines and penalties, doe presume to buy any such Booke or Bookes so reprinted in the parts beyond the Seas, so long as the said Booke or Bookes of the Print of either of Our said Vniuersities shall bee of ordinary sale. And to the end it may appeare what reprinted Bookes wee intend by this Our Proclamation to prohibite the buying or sale of, wee doe hereby require and command the Printers of both Our said Vniuersities, within one moneth next comming, to cause Certificate to be made vnder the hands of the Vice-Chancellors of Our said Vniuersities respectively, and deliuered to the Master and Wardens of the Company of Stationers London, for the time being, of all such Bookes originally printed at either of Our said Vniuersities already extant, and in ordinary sale; And to cause like monethly Certificate to be made of all such other Bookes, as shall be hereafter from time to time originally printed there.

Giuen at Our Court at S. Iames, the first day of April, in the first yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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